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I work very closely with the Kennedy Space Center's managers to assess and improve the requirements, processes, and procedures used to ensure successful execution of the Center's programs and projects.

Areas of expertise:

- Strategic Planning
- Process Management
- Project Management

How I first became interested in this profession:

I had the opportunity to work at Kennedy Space Center as a summer intern. This experience inspired me to become an engineer.

What helped prepare me for this job:

Throughout my career at NASA, I have had many opportunities to improve myself, and to continue learning by taking advanced education courses, as well as on-the-job training. These experiences have allowed me to develop the skills I need to perform sound engineering and management decisions. In addition, I have taken courses in professional writing, public speaking, and effective leadership. The training, along with past work experiences have prepared me for my current job.

My role models or inspirations:

My role models are my parents. They have taught me valuable life lessons, provided me with the opportunity to obtain a good education, and allowed me the freedom to pursue my goals. They are my heroes.

My education and training:

- B.S. in Computer Science, Southern University

My career path:

13 years at Kennedy Space Center as:

- Software Engineer
- Payload Integration Engineer
- Electrical/Software Systems Lead
- Project Management
- Technical Management

What I like about my job:

What I like most about my job is the opportunity to work with many people who are doing different kinds of projects. I am always learning and experiencing new things. That's what makes my job fun.

What I don't like about my job:

The NASA business system is very complex; therefore, it may take me a long time to try out new ideas and to reach the goals I set for myself. I wish we could simplify things, so that we could move more quickly and pursue new challenges and projects.

My advice to anyone interested in this occupation:

Get as much experience as possible in the areas that interest you. Find what you really want to do and enjoy doing it!